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In re Application of

Toshihiko URA, et al.

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For: ILLUMINATION UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY COMPRISING IT

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 21, 2006, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct *Species*:

Species I - Claims 1-3: the roughened surface; and

Species II - Claims 4-5: the transparent sheet.

Applicants elect, without traverse, **Species II**, with claims 4 and 5 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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